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Summary

The present note contains information on the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritius, Niger and Nigeria; the second one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon; the third one-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste; and the first two-year extension of the country programme for Botswana.

In accordance with established procedures, the Administrator approves the first one-year extension of country programmes. Requests for second or third one-year extensions of country programmes, as well as two-year extensions, are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extensions of the country programmes for Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritius, Niger and Nigeria for a period of one year, from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008, as reported in table 1.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the third one-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste, from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008; the second one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon, from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008, as presented in table 2; and the first two-year extension of the country programme for Botswana, from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009, as presented in table 2.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2007

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Burundi	2005-2007	2008	To align the programming cycle with that of the new priority peace consolidation programme of the Integrated United Nations Office in Burundi. which covers the period 2007-2008, and to harmonize with the poverty reduction strategy paper.		
Republic of the Congo	2004-2007	2008	To align the UNDP programming period with the agreed United Nations programming cycle, scheduled to start in January 2009.		
Côte d'Ivoire	2003-2007	2008		The current security and political situation makes it impossible to harmonize the United Nations cycle before January 2009.	
Mauritius	2005-2007	2008			The country programme will be renewed in mid-2007. The Government has agreed to extend the programme so that lessons learned from the review can inform the new programme. Note that Mauritius is a 'category C' country office and is exempt from the UNDAF requirement.
Niger	2004-2007	2008	To align the UNDP programming period with the poverty reduction strategy (PRS), 2007 - 2011, and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), scheduled to start in January 2009.		
Nigeria	2003-2007	2008		Since the current PRS concludes in 2007 and general elections are scheduled for mid 2007, which could result in a shift in policy, the United Nations country team agreed with the Government that both the UNDAF and new country programmes would be deferred to 2009.	

Table 2. Extensions of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Lebanon	2002-2006	2007	-	2008			The 2006 war and its aftermath have delayed the completion of the CCA and the 2008-2010 UNDAF. The two-year transition strategy, 2007-2008, will bridge towards a new CCA/UNDAF to cover the period 2009-2013 under new priorities, including the recovery priorities.	
Botswana	2003-2007	-	2008, 2009	-	2008, 2009			The Government of Botswana has changed the cycle of its development plan. The extension of the country programme is sought to permit alignment with the national development planning process and the new UNDAF (2010-2014) planning process.
Timor-Leste	2003-2005	2006-2007	2008				Given recent political developments and the prospect of elections in 2008, it would not be feasible to conduct a CCA/UNDAF exercise this year.	